

I claim:

1. An ramp-rack article, for use in combination with the bed of a transport vehicle, in a first mode as a downward sloping ramp to the ground on which the vehicle rests, and in second mode as a rack for containing cargo resting on the bed, said bed having pockets along an edge, for receiving stakes, which comprises:

a lengthwise extending body having a working surface, for supporting objects moving to or from the ground to said bed, when the ramp-rack is used in the first mode as a ramp; and,

at least one stake projecting transversely from said at least one edge of the body, so the ramp-rack may be held vertically in place along the length of said bed, when the ramp-rack is used in the second mode as a rack;

said body having a first end shaped to engage an edge of said bed, so the first end is supported at the edge when the ramp-rack is used in the first mode as a ramp

2. The ramp-rack of claim 1, wherein the body has a second end, for contacting the ground surface, the surface of the second end running at an angle to the plane said working surface in vicinity of the second end.

3. The ramp-rack of claim 1, wherein the first end has a surface running at an angle of greater than 180 degrees to the adjacent portion of the working surface.

4. The ramp-rack of claim 1, further comprising means for temporarily attaching the first end to the edge of the bed, when the ramp-rack is used in said first mode.

5. The ramp-rack of claim 1, further comprising means, located along the length of the body, for enabling the ramp-rack to fold upon itself.

6. The ramp-rack of claim 5, wherein said means is a hinge.

7. The ramp-rack of claim 1 having at least two similar spaced apart stakes.
8. The ramp-rack of claim 1, further comprising at least one pocket located along the side of the body which is opposite the side from which the stake projects, for receiving a stake from above, when the ramp-rack is used in the second mode.
9. The combination of a ramp-rack of claim 8 and another article, mated edgewise with the ramp-rack, to thereby expand the height of the ramp-rack for containment of cargo; the other article having at least one stake, the end of which is engaged with said at least one pocket.
10. The combination of claim 9, wherein the article is another ramp-rack like the first one, and wherein both ramp racks have at least two of said stakes.
11. The ramp-rack of claim 1 wherein the working surface is planar and generally continuous.
12. The ramp-rack of claim 1 wherein the working surface is comprised of spaced apart beams.
13. The ramp-rack of claim 1, wherein the projecting end of the stake is tapered, so that the stake end engages a pocket in wedging fashion, when the ramp-rack is used in the second mode.
14. The ramp-rack of claim 13 further comprising a resilient layer on a tapered surface of the stake, for contacting an interior surface of the pocket.
15. The ramp-rack of claim 1 further comprising two curbs, projecting upward from the working surface, one each running lengthwise along each opposing edge of the ramp-rack, for inhibiting a wheeled object moving along the ramp in the first mode from running off the edge of the ramp.
17. The ramp-rack of claim 1 wherein the surface of the body is an essentially planar surface.
18. A ramp-rack article, for use in combination with the bed of a transport vehicle, in a first mode as a downward sloping ramp to the ground on which the vehicle rests, and in second mode as a rack for containing cargo resting on the bed, said bed having pockets along an edge, for receiving stakes, which comprises:

a lengthwise extending essentially planar body having a working surface, for supporting objects moving to or from the ground to said bed, when the ramp-rack is used in the first mode as a ramp; and,

at least two stakes projecting transversely from said at least one edge of the body, so the ramp-rack may be held vertically in place along the length of said bed, when the ramp-rack is used in the second mode as a rack;

said body having a first end running at an angle of more 180 degrees to the angle of the surface of the essentially planar predominant portion of the body, the first end than shaped to engage an edge of said bed, so the first end is supported at the edge when the ramp-rack is used in the first mode as a ramp; and,

said body having a second opposing end running at an angle of less than 180 degrees to the surface of the essentially planar predominant portion of the body; the second end shaped to contact the surface of the ground when the ramp-rack is used in its second mode as a rack.